

## Temporary RS Means Online Costwork Account

It can be frustrating to locate an RS Means book in the library when there are 300+ students vying for the same book at the same time. A good solution is to use the RS Means online software **Costworks**. Unfortunately, to obtain a substantial membership requires deep pockets, but as a poor college student, you can obtain a 7-day free trial subscription and still have the same privileges as the yearly member. It's pretty simple, but you may want to create a lot of email accounts.

1. Go to RS Means Costworks online  
([http://www.meanscostworks.com/promotion/costworksoverview.aspx?mailDrop=IGC2&pCode=1010&gclid=CNn28\\_6buKgCFQbc4AodP0FIbA](http://www.meanscostworks.com/promotion/costworksoverview.aspx?mailDrop=IGC2&pCode=1010&gclid=CNn28_6buKgCFQbc4AodP0FIbA)), and click on "Get a Free 7-Day Trial Now".
2. A Registration screen comes up. Don't worry, you're contact information is safe.
3. Fill out your contact information and check that you agree to the terms of use.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "RSMeans Costworks Trial Offer - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: <https://www.meanscostworks.com/subscription/trialoffer.aspx?mailDrop=IGC2&pCode=1010>. The browser's toolbar includes "Favorites", "Suggested Sites", "Web Slice Gallery", "Bing™ Traffic", "MSN Entertainment", "MSN Money", "MSN SlideShow", "MSN", "MSNBC", and "My MSN". The page content features the "CostWorks® RSMeans" logo and navigation links: "Welcome New user", "Help", "Quick Tour", "About CostWorks", and "Contact Us". The main heading is "Welcome To MeansCostworks.com Free Trial Registration". Below this is a "User Information" form with the following fields: "First Name\*", "Last Name\*", "Company Name\*", "Country" (a dropdown menu currently showing "United States"), "State/Province" (a dropdown menu currently showing "Select"), "Phone" (with a placeholder "(e.g. 212-123-4567)"), "Email Address\*", and "Confirm Email Address\*". A note below the email fields states: "Note: Your email address will be your login id". At the bottom of the form is a checkbox labeled "I agree to the Terms of Use" and a "Register" button. A red asterisk and the word "Required" are visible at the bottom left of the form area. The footer of the page includes the "Reed Construction Data®" logo and copyright information: "© 2011 Privacy | Disclaimer | Site Map | Contact Us | Building Products | RSMeans".

4. An email will be sent to the email address you provided with a link and temporary password.
5. Follow the link and sign in with your email address and temporary password.
6. After following the link, you will be prompted to change your password. Create a password that you will easily remember.
7. You can now use RS Means Costworks. In the upper tabs you will find different options:
  - a. Cost Books Online are the same as the books you will find in the Engineering Library.

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http://www.meanscostworks.com/mycostbook/mycostbookhome.aspx

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General Requirements

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011100000000	Summary of Work									
011105000000	Models & Renderings									
011131000000	Professional Consultants									
011131100010	ARCHITECTURAL FEES									
011131100020	For new construction									
011131100040	Minimum	Project								4.90%
011131100090	Maximum	Project								16.00%
011131100100	For alteration work, to \$...	Project								50.00%
011131100150	Over \$500,000, add t...	Project								25.00%
011131102000	for "Greening" of building	Project								5.00%
011131200010	CONSTRUCTION MANAGE									
011131200020	\$1,000,000 job, minimum	Project								4.50%
011131200050	Maximum	Project								7.50%
011131200060	for work to \$100,000	Project								10.00%
011131200300	\$50,000,000 job, minim...	Project								2.50%
011131200350	Maximum	Project								4.00%
011131300010	ENGINEERING FEES									
011131300020	Educational planning con...	Project								0.50%
011131300100	Maximum	Project								2.50%
011131300200	Electrical, minimum	Contract								4.10%
011131300300	Maximum	Contract								10.10%
011131300400	Elevator & conveying sy...	Contract								2.50%
011131300500	Maximum	Contract								5.00%
011131300600	Food service & kitchen e...	Contract								8.00%
011131300700	Maximum	Contract								12.00%
011131300800	Amusement & ride devel...	Contract								3.50%

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- b. Construction Estimate provides with the option of creating a detailed estimate with known values from the project.

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Estimate Action: Select from List Go View: Basic

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Quantity	Line Number	Description	Unit	Extended Total	Extended Total O&P	Labor Type	Notes
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- c. Square Foot Estimate is a quick estimate that gives you a rough number of what your building will cost.

The screenshot shows the RSMMeans-CostWorks website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The page is titled "Square Foot Estimator" and features a navigation bar with links like Home, Cost Books Online, Construction Estimate, and Square Foot Estimator. A prominent banner at the top right states "Your Free Trial will expire in 5 Days." with a "Subscribe Now" button. Below the banner, there's a section for "Your Square Foot Estimator Free Trial will EXPIRE soon. Only limited trials left. Subscribe Now." with another "Subscribe Now" button. The main content area is divided into two tabs: "Step 2: Building Parameters" and "Step 2a: Building Additives". The "Building Parameters" tab is active, showing fields for Area (S.F.), Perimeter (L.F.), Stories, Story Height, Contractor Fees, Architectural Fees, and User Fees. A central box titled "Welcome to the Square Foot Estimator" provides instructions: 1. Begin by selecting a Building Type and an Exterior Wall/Framing type; 2. Enter values in the Building Parameter fields; 3. Click the Calculate Building Cost button. It also offers optional links for "Add Building Additives", "Change Preferences", and "View Detailed Reports". To the right, a "Building Cost" section displays fields for Model, Location, Stories (Ea.), Story Height, Floor Area, Basement, Additive Cost, Cost per square foot, and Building Cost, with "View Report" and "Save Estimate" buttons at the bottom. The footer includes the Reed Construction Data logo and copyright information for 2011.

**NOTE:** It would be wise to have several emails that you can use for this software as it only lasts for 7 days. Also, when you have downloaded the free trial, get all of the information that you think you need within those 7 days; this will reduce the number of times you will need to re-register.